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Office Action Summary

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DOTTLING ET AL.

Examiner

Brandon J. Miller

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior does not teach or fairly suggest wherein a position of the bits being punctured is shifted by a whole number k , where $0 < k \leq 5$.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 9-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dick et al. (US 6,973,579 B2).

Regarding claim 9 Dick teaches a method for transmitting data with a defined number of bits via a physical channel in a communication system, the physical channel being used by at least one first communication device and a one second communication device (see col. 1, lines 15-19 and col. 2, lines 28-36). Dick teaches providing that the data to be transmitted is

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composed of load data and identification data for identifying a communication device (see col. 2, lines 30-36). Dick teaches separately coding the load data and the identification data from each other using convolution coding, wherein a same number of bits is produced after the coding operation for the load data and the identification data (see col. 2, lines 30-38). Dick teaches linking the coded load data and the coded identification data with each other via an XOR linking operation (see col. 2, lines 46-55 & 63-65). Dick teaches matching a rate of the linked data to the number of bits defined for the physical channel using a rate matching pattern either immediately before or immediately after the linking operation, the rate matching pattern defining which bits in a data stream are punctured or repeated, wherein the rate matching pattern for the load data and the identification data is identical (see col. 2, lines 55-60).

Regarding claim 10 Dick teaches wherein the coding operation supplies a bit sequence of bits 1 to n in a defined time window by which the rate is defined, and rate matching is performed via a rate matching pattern by which individual bits in the bit sequence are punctured (see col. 2, lines 30-38 & 55-60).

Regarding claim 11 Dick teaches wherein the physical channel is a High Speed Shared Control Channel (see col. 1, lines 10-15).

Regarding claim 12 Dick teaches wherein the identification data is an identification number of a communication device (see col. 1, lines 32-35 and col. 2, lines 29-31).

Regarding claim 13 Dick teaches wherein the rate matching occurs using a rate matching pattern by which bits at positions 1, 2, 4, 8, 42, 45, 47 and 48 are punctured in a bit sequence consisting of $n=48$ bits (see col. 2, lines 56-60).

Regarding claim 15 Dick teaches bit-by-bit linking (see paragraphs col. 2, lines 46-55).

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Claim Objections

Claim 14 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 14 is objected to because it depends upon itself and not a previous claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9-13 and 15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J. Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-7869. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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